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Dear Dick,

Got your carbon of the letter to Howard yesterday and his series of letters to me and carbons of one to you and Fisher today. He's a great kid and, although he considers himself stubborn, quite tractable for one of his years and excellent mind. His letter to Fisher is, as you may recall, what I suggested and, either way, makes a record. And his Spectergraphic analysis! I'd have loved to have been an observer!

S put up with it longer than I expected he would, so Howard accomplished more than I'd anticipated. The one thing I'd suggested, for which Specter gave him the perfect opening, he doesn't mention - a suggestion that Specter change his mind and speak to me.

Howard also accomplished what he may not realize, and I will not tell him for a while, for a number of reasons. He threw a scare into S that will not vaporize for a while, if at all. He now knows not only the full enormity of what he did but that I know it. That he singled me out for attribution is no accident. Nor is it that he immediately abandoned it.

I think it not impossible that, in the right time, he may help clean this up. It is his only survival mechanism, and, at what I consider the right time, I intend letting him know. I am in touch with one of his peers on a similar projection. When the time comes, S will help us or he will not survive, politically, professionally or personally. That time will not be too long coming. After I've drafted PM II.

The strange thing is, I think I'm the only one who can "save" him. Having guaranteed his ruin.

Hastily,